

LORENZO POLITO, being duly sworn, testified at Inopacan, Leyte, P. I., on 10 January 1946, as follows:

Q State your full name, age, nationality, occupation and home address.

A LORENZO POLITO, 18 years old, Filipino, student, and a resident of Inopacan, Leyte, P. I.

Q Tell all that you saw when you were picked to accompany the Japanese patrol in the vicinity of Inopacan, Leyte.

A On or about 6 March 1944 at the compulsory morning exercises which civilians were forced to attend by the Japanese garrison at Inopacan, Anono Alporque Dedace, Gil Picon and myself were selected by the Japanese to carry their provisions on a mopping up patrol. The members of the patrol were from the Japanese garrison at Tacloban; therefore I do not know the names of the officers, non-commissioned officers or soldiers in the patrol. About eight o'clock in the morning, right after breakfast, the patrol left Inopacan and proceeded thru the surrounding barrios. About four o'clock in the afternoon of the same day, we came through the sitio of Ginabay, Barrio of Morao, Town of Inopacan. The sitio had been vacated by the people except for a woman, Anatalia Matinao, and her newly born child; a man, Santiago Humok about 70 years old, and two small children whose names I do not know, all of whom were found by the Japanese soldiers when they searched the houses in the sitio. They tied the hands of these five prisoners behind their backs and tied them to separate posts in a nipa house. Then the house was set afire by the Japanese and these prisoners were burned alive. After the house was set afire and was burning, the patrol left the area. It was now night and the patrol proceeded to Ginabay and from Ginabay they proceeded along the river to Daugdog. Between these two sitios, the patrol caught a boy about seventeen years old whose name I do not know, and bayoneted him. The second day of the patrol, we reached Canangay, at about two o'clock in the afternoon. A young woman, Eufresina Payot, about 24 years old, was caught hiding in the grass. The officer in charge of the entire patrol tore off her clothes, while two soldiers held her. He then had her taken to a small nipa hut, without walls, about fifteen feet away from where she was caught and there the officer in charge of the patrol used his sabre to cut her breasts and womb. Soldiers held her while the officer did this. At first, the girl was screaming. She finally lay still and silent. The Japanese then set fire to the nipa hut. When the girl was caught and her clothes were torn off by the officer, I was about a hundred meters away. The nipa hut they took her to was only about eighty or eighty-five meters away from where I stood. I had a clear unobstructed view of all this because there was nothing between myself and the place where she was caught and the hut in which she was mutilated and killed. These were the only killings I saw on the patrol, which lasted a week in all before we got back to Inopacan.

Q Can you describe or name any of the Japanese in the patrol?

A I do not recall their names, but the officer in charge of the patrol had a scar on his breast which was horse-shoe shaped. The scar ran from shoulder to shoulder and down below the collar bones. I could see this scar because the officer would take his shirt off when he was hot. He was about 35 years old; about 5'8" tall; slender build; erect; straight legged; head was shaved; no moustache, no glasses; a yellowish complexion, slanted eyes; no missing or gold teeth. I did not notice any scars or amputations on him. He wore a kakhi uniform with cloth leggings; a cloth cap with neck protectors; he was armed with a sword and a pistol.

Q Do you have anything further to add to this statement?  
A No.

/s/ Lorenzo Polito  
LORENZO POLITO

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES )  
PROVINCE OF LEYTE ) SS  
TOWN OF INOPACAN )

I, LORENZO POLITO, being duly sworn on oath, state that I have read and understood the foregoing transcription of my interrogation and all answers contained therein, consisting of two (2) pages, are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ Lorenzo Polito  
LORENZO POLITO

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of January, 1946.

/s/ William M. Moorhead  
WILLIAM M. MOORHEAD, 2d Lt, Ord  
Investigating Officer, War Crimes  
Investigating Detachment.

C E R T I F I C A T E

We, WILLIAM M. MOORHEAD, 2d Lt, 01559953, Ord, and GUILLERMO J. REYES, 2d Lt, F-45814, Inf, certify that on 10th day of January, 1946, personally appeared before us LORENZO POLITO, and gave the foregoing answers to the several questions set forth; that after his testimony had been transcribed, the said LORENZO POLITO read the same affixed his signature thereto in our presence.

Inopacan, Leyte, P. I.

/s/ William M. Moorhead  
WILLIAM M. MOORHEAD, 2d Lt, Ord  
Investigating Officer, War Crimes  
Investigating Detachment.

10 January 1946

/s/ Guillermo J. Reyes  
GUILLERMO J. REYES, 2nd Lt, In:  
Investigating Officer, War  
Crimes Investigating Detachment

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

/s/ William M. Moorhead  
WILLIAM M. MOORHEAD, 2d Lt, Ord.



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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Alva C. Carpenter, Chief, Legal Section,  
General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the  
Allied Powers, do hereby certify that the attached  
photostatic copy of the affidavit of LORENZO POLITO  
is a true and correct reproduction of the original  
affidavit which was taken at Inopacan, Leyte, P. I.  
and subsequently accidentally destroyed. This  
true copy was made from the shorthand notes by  
the reporter.

/s/ Alva C. Carpenter  
Alva C. Carpenter,  
Chief, Legal Section.

Witness: /s/ John R. Pritchard

Sworn to before me this 29th  
day of October 1946, Tokyo, Japan.

/s/ John R. Pritchard  
Captain, Infantry  
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「ロレンゾ・ポリト」ハ、一九四六年一月十日、「フィリッピン」群島「レイテ」

島、「イノバカン」ニテ、宣誓書シ次ノ如ク証言セリ。

同、貴方ノ姓名・年齢・国籍・職業・住所ヲ述ベヨ。

答、「ロレンゾ・ポリト」ハ、十八歳、「フィリッピン」群島「レイテ」島「イノバカン」ノ住人デス。

同、「レイテ」「イノバカン」附近ニテ、選バレテ日本軍「巡察隊」ニ随伴シ

タリ時、貴方ガ目撃シタ事ヲ全部述ベヨ。

答、一九四四年三月六日、六日頃、「イノバカン」日本駐屯軍ニヨッ

テ一般民モ出席ヲ強要セラレテ強制的朝会ニ参加スル

ホリデマス、ギリビコン、及び、私ハ日本軍ノ「掃蕩隊」シノ

糧食ヲ運搬スベク日本軍ニ選バレタ。巡察隊ハ、

クロバンノ日本駐屯軍ノ兵連デアツタ時、私ハ巡察隊ノ將

校ヤ、下士官ヤ、兵隊ノ姓名ヲ知りマセン。朝会ニ後午前ハ

時頃巡察隊ハ、「イノバカン」ヲ出発シテ、周囲ノ村々ヲ通ツテ進

ム。同日午後四時頃、我々ハ「イノバカン」市「モラオ」村

ギタイ「部落」ヲ通過シタ。ソノ部落デハ「アタタリア」マケナオト

云フ婦人ト其ノ生シタバカリノ嬰兒、及びセロオ位ノ「カンチア」ゴフ

モクレト云フ一人ノ男ト、名ハ知ラヌガ二人ノ幼イ子供等以外ハ、

住民ハ既ニ退イテ居リ、彼等ハ比日、日本兵連カソノ部落

ノ家々ヲ搜索シタ時、日本兵ニ発見サレタ。日本兵ハ捕ヘタ

此等五人者ヲ後午ニ縛リ、或ル草葺ノ小家ノ中ニアル幾

ツカノ柱ニ別々ニ縛リ付ケタ。ソレカラスノ家ハ日本兵ニヨ

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同、史員より、巡察隊、日本兵、誰カヲ名指シ又、其ノ名ヲ舉ゲルコト  
が出来ヌカ。

答、彼等ノ名忍ビ出セタイガソ、巡察隊、指揮將校、胸ニ蹄鐵  
形ノ傷痕ガアツタ。ソ、傷痕ハ肩カラ肩ヘカケテ渡リ、鎖骨  
ノ下ニ及ビテサタ。ソ、將校ハ暑キ時、ズニツヲ脱グガ常デア  
ツタカラ私ハ此ノ傷痕ヲ見ルコトが出来タノデス。其ノ將校  
ハ三十五才位、身長約五呎八寸細イ体付デ直立シ、真直デ  
脚ヲミ、頭髪刈ツテヨリ、口長須デリ、眼鏡ヲ掛ケス、黄  
色イ膚色デ、目尻ガ吊リ上リ、缺ケ齒ヤ金齒等ハナカッタ。傷  
痕ハ切断個所等將校、身体ニ認メラレナカッタ。彼ハカーキ  
色軍服ヲ着布地、脚絆ヲシテ居タ。帽垂シイタ布帽子  
ガリ、劍ヲ拳銃デ武裝ミテサデシタ。

同、史員より、更ニ何か此ノ陳述ニ付ケ加ヘテ言フコトガアリマスカ。

答、アリマセン。

(署名) /LORENZO POLITO/  
ロレンゾ・ポリト

アリソビニ共和國、シイテ州、イバカン市 (155)  
私、ロレンゾ・ポリトハ、正當ニ宣誓シテ上ニ更ヨリ成ル私ニ関スル前  
記、輕記、所見、問ト其レニ答メテ居ルハテ、返答ヲ讀ミ、且理解シ、  
私、最善ノ知識、信念、及テ限リ、眞實ナルコトヲ申シ述ベマス。

(署名) /LORENZO POLITO/  
ロレンゾ・ポリト

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右一九四六年一月十日本職、面前ニテ署名之宣誓シタリ。

ウィリアム・M・ムーヘッド 主計少尉 (署名)  
戦争犯罪調査派遣員 調査官

証明書

本職主計少尉認識番号〇五五九九五三、ウィリアム・M・ムーヘッド、  
及歩兵少尉認識番号下一四五六、ギレルモ・J・レイエス、一九四六  
年一月十日、ロビン・ボリトが自ラ本職等ノ前ニ出頭之提示サレタ數  
個ノ質問ニ對シ前記答辯ヲセタル事、又、證言ヲ輕記シタ後、  
當ロロビン・ボリト、更ニ本職等ノ面前ニテ署名ヲ爲シ、輕記書ヲ  
讀ミタル事ヲ證明ス。

ウィリアム・ムーヘッド 主計少尉

(署名)

WILLIAM M. MOORHEAD / 2nd Lt. Ord.  
ウィリアム・M・ムーヘッド 主計少尉

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戦争犯罪調査派遣員 調査官

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以上之事實タル事ヲ證明ス

(署名)

ウィリアム・M・ムーヘッド 主計少尉  
WILLIAM M. MOORHEAD / 2nd Lt. Ord.

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證明書

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本職、聯合國軍最高司令官總司令部法務部長「アルビ・C・カーペンター」に添附セル口供書「ホリト」の口供書、寫眞複寫ハ「フィリピン國」レイテ州「イバカン」市ニテ記サレ、後因ラズモ滅却セル口供書原本ヨリ、眞正ナル再製書ナルヲ茲ニ證明ス此、眞實ナル寫シハ、通信員が速記録ヲリ作成シタルモノデアル。

法務部長

アルビ・C・カーペンター 署名

/ALVA C. CARPENTER/

證人 ジョン・R・プリチャード 署名

/JOHN R. PRITCHARD/

右ハ、一九四六年日本國東京ニ於テ本職、面前ニテ宣誓シタリ

即決裁判所 歩兵大尉

~~署名~~ ジョン・R・プリチャード 署名

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